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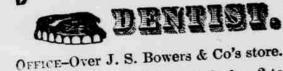
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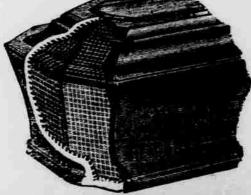
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Many things are probable and most

things are becoming possible as we

draw near the close of the nineteenth

century. Even the laws of nature are

set at defiance by latter-day enterprise.

It has become fashionable to have red

hair, and a waggish writer says raven

locks and ashen tresses now undergo

the magic change of becoming blonde

the brains beneath them. Even be-

witching dimples are manufactured to

order, and those of the "upper crust"

will no longer have any one but them-

three hours on "sanctification."

There are two facts about the politi-

cal campaign this year that strike us as

being something unusual, viz; the ac-

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Pharaoh Used Locks.

Written for THE COMMORWEALTH.] A LETTER FROM CHINA.

WONDERS IN ECONOMY.

Nankin, China.

Now I will tell you how the Chinese live when at home and the economy they use. Nankin was the former capital of China and is a walled city. Some of our American people think they know how to economize, but they outside of the glove, the latest fad of don't know anything about it. They should take a trip to China and learn something of the science of saving. The expense of living is reduced to its lowest here and the Chinese millions would have grown fat on what the just as sensible to trim a skirt with thrifty Americans waste.

The food for a poor man in China costs him no more than two cents a Every season brings forth its numerday, and at \$4 a month a man will support a family and lay away money in the bank. I met a fat, jolly looking Chinaman one day, who told me he had a wife and five children and his income was sufficient for all his wants, and he only earned two dollars in gold a month (which is equal to \$4 in Chinese monas American enterprise has sent out ey), as a carpenter and his wife earns one dollar more by washing and sewing. The cost is only five cents a day to worn by all kinds of people from the feed a patient in the Methodist Hospious and gay gallant, to the grave and tal here.

A farmer may be hired for from \$15 to \$15 a year, provided he has his rice and his tobacco for the year. It costs about \$5 a year to furnish a Chinese laborer's wardrobe.

he has solved the problem of navigat-The majority of the people of this part of China are well fed and clothed. They have a very pleasant look and fully that money has been raised to they are (I believe) far happier than the average American laborer. They seem to enjoy life and they are far make the liftning force and wings as above the average of the world in their nearly as can possibly be made like a manners and culture. They have lots of curiosity and will crowd around you when you go ashore. I find much in Whether Prof. Cole has succeeded or them to admire, and I wonder every not, the next generation will see transit day at their wonderful skill of econogyrations that would make an eigh-I will mention a few of them. Near-

iy all the fires in China are made of

straw and reeds, every wisp of dry grass is cut and saved. There are more than two thousand Chinese who do nothing else but reap the reeds and grass which grow along the banks of the Yangtse Kiang river and bring it into the cities to sell. They use this for cooking purposes. Chinamen do not keep warm by fire. In the winter they pad their clothes with cotton or wool. The hot ringlets, much to the satisfaction of water used for their tea and rice in the early morning is sold by hot water stores. You can get a bucket of boiling water for one cash, which is onetenth of a cent. There is a hot water store in Shanghai, or any large city, to selves to blame if they still remain every twenty families. A large amount of rice is cooked at one time and it is warmed by pouring hot water over it. There are tea gardens and restaurants The "sanctification" craze has greaty disturbed some communities of late, and an exchange says that a certain Baptist minister preached more than We do not know whether he was defending sanctification or condemning it; but it would take some degree of University, and he says for a long time sanctification on the part of the ordinary mortal listener to be patient under a three hours sermon preached by out horse shoes. These are brought any ordinary man. There is a time to here by ship loads from Europe and are carried to all parts of the empire. all things, and public speakers ought to remember that there is a time to here and they are sold over and over

ished up so nicely you would think them leather. The uppers are made of silk or cloth. women who do nothing but patch. be considerable, but they will effect a that assumption of supernatural supe-The clothing of the poor is patched they are active on this or that issue of in the hot sun sewing away day after Sometimes the good and saintly women of the country have had a say
It is the same way with the crockery
It is the same way with the crockery menders. You can see them shaving about prohibition; but this time the

again until they are no good to

wear and then they are sold as rags to

the shoe-maker. The Chinese shoe

soles are made of these rags, which

ing cushions and etc. The physicians of Pitt county have ported every winter by the government, formulated and published resolutions, but as soon as spring comes this apsigning their names to them, that they propriation is dropped and they have will Black List persons who are able to country in the world that has as many

promptly than the faithful physicians begging for a living.

National Recorder.

When were locks first used? The earliest obtainable information points to the time of the Pharaohs; for instance at Karnak, the visitor is shown the sculptured representation of a lock, which is almost exactly like one kind of lock used in Egypt at the present day. But that is a very vague answer to the question. Homer tells us that Penelope used a brass key to open her wardrobe. He adds that it was very crooked and had an ivory handle. A Greek writer who lived in the last half of the twelfth century, explains that such keys were very ancient, although still to be seen in Constantinople and

These keys are similar for drawing back the bolt or bar which ran into a staple across the door, or for pulling out the pin which locked the bolt. If we examine the mechanism of the earlier locks we find that it is in itself sufficient to secure the bolt without the aid of a key to move something; in other words the locking was done au tomatically, the key being required only for the purpose of unlocking. Roman locks, like the Egyptian, required a partial sliding of the key; they were, however, more intricate. The pins which held the bolts were yery close together and of various shapessome round-others square. The key had to be turned a quarter of a circle before it reached the pins. Padiocks also came into use for sacurus; merchandise to be carried from one place to another and it is vorth mentioning that we can see at the present time, in some of the count les of the far East, padlocks made on the exact principle of those employed in accient Rome. It was sometime afterward ere the projections called "wards" were invented. This was a distinct improvement, as it prevented unlocking by any but the

right key . Various ornamental disigns are ob served on mediaeval German lock cases. while in the seventeenth century we have the letter lock so called because in order to open it, certain letters on a series of exterior rings had to be arranged into a word or combination to which corresponding rings inside the lock had been set, and some elaborate designs in keys which are quite in keeping with the revival of art. Regnier, a French engineer, who acquired considerable ruputation toward the close of the last century, produced some very ingentous key locks, to open which outside knobs, etc., had to be turned to certain marks. The principle of the lever lock was the invention of Barrem

Good Roads Indeed.

National Recorder.

This is an age of mechanical revolution and therefore it occasions less surwasted. They even save the water that system is being seriously and and oftalk with Mr. Ferguson not long ago, ton, in a recent interview announced oughfares will be steel track highways. cuts out the bone and sells it separate He advocates laying double tracks of from the meat. The most of the ra- flat rails on stringers, with a 12-foot roadzors in China are made out of old worn way on each side for turnout. The form of the rail should be shallow trough with flat bottom and the edges There are second hand clothing stores raised just enough to give a gentle guidance to the wheels. This would enable vehicles to turn on and off the rails without difficulty. He beleives that such roads would effect a saving of from 50 to 80 per cent. in the exhave been washed and dried and then laid upon each other until they reach pense of hauling and also a large percentage in wear and tear of vehicles. the thickness required, and then pol-With the general use of horseless carriages which such steel roads would promote, the saving might be even larmendation of American courage and the money question than anything the hair that is cut from the head and energy—no one will assert that in this A large number of beggars are suported every winter by the government,

Did You Ever.

they will attend calls for the worthy poor who are unable to pay them, but they will not attend calls for persons they will not attend they will who do not make satisfactory arrangewho do not make satisfactory arrangements about what they owe them by
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PULPIT AND POLITICS. LET PREACHERS HAVE THEIR SAY.

But Let Them Say Right.

New York Journal.

It is not apparent that the clergy, so many of whom have taken a hand in this campaign, have added much thereby to the sum total of sweetness and light. Though it is their mission to promote peace on earth and good will among men, the brethren usually have only to utter themselves on political subjects in order to stir up strife where no strife was before, and to double the ardor of strife where strife already is. The reasons for this are obvious enough.

The Journal would not for an instant aphold the narrow doctrine that a clergyman has no right to speak his mind as a citizen on the issues of the day, but it does contend that the shepherd who chooses the pulpit as the place wherein to air his private opinions as to things pertaining strictly to this world is guilty of presumption that deerves rebuke.

In matters of the spirit the clergy possesses a practical monopoly of authority, and being specially commissioned to disclose the designs and desires of Deity, they are commonly listened to with a respect which sometimes causes the vain among them to confuse their personal with their official character. Thus are these brethren moved to think that there is due them as great reverence when they hold forth on politics as when they expound the Gospel of Christ. And when this happens, not devotion, but anger waxes hot in the pews.

There are few classes of men so little qualified as the clergy to pronounce profitable judgment on issues that have to do with purely earthly affairs like politics. Habituated to immunity from contradiction while they discourse on religion, and generally spared from criticism because of their sacred char acter, there is a proneness among them to dogmatism of tone that is sometime exasperating, sometimes amusing. Or dinarily men of the world me willing to take from the pulpit their theology and even their theoretical system of personal morality, but they do not with patience receive instruction from the preacher how to do business, how they shall yote on the tariff, the finances, or on anything else; for in the domain of the world's concerns the man of the world flatters himself not unjustly that he ought to know a good deal more than his unworldly parson.

But the brethren who insist on being universal schoolmasters to their parishioners plead that when moral questions are brought into politics it is their duty to cry aloud and spare not. This is seductive reasoning, for it brings within the purview of the pulpit the whole circle of human interests. prise than formerly to note that a com- What question can appear in politics meals for a small price. Nothing is plete metamorphosis of our turn-pike that has not a moral side to it? The they boil potatoes and vegetables in and ficially discussed. Gen. Roy Stone, in the maintenance of the gold standard, sell it for feeding hogs. The bones of charge of the road inquiry office of the which, silver advocates believe, robs all meats are bought by the manufacturers of knife handles &c. I had a department of agriculture at Washingthe poor for the benefit of the rich; who is the President of the Nankin his belief that the ultimate solution of cates believe, would rob the rich for good roads problem for the great thor- the benefit of the poor. The preacher who wishes to magnify his office can see morals in anything that affects the race—even in billiards, baseball, the size of policemen's clubs, or the uni-

forms of street sweepers. There is no sound objection to the pulpit having its say about political issues; it is the manner of its saying that, as a rule, is offensive. If th brethren would but bear in mind that when they step outside the field of the ology they speak with no more authority than citizens who do not wear the cloth, and that their words are entitled only to the weight which the brains and character of the speaker earn them ger. The first cost of such roads will there would be an end of that arrogance, women who do nothing out patch.
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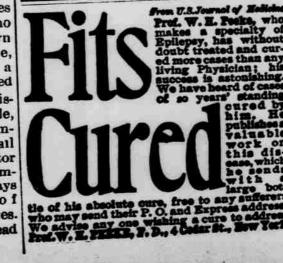
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